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Applicant: Achilefu et al.
Title: **HYDROPHILIC CYANINE DYES**
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL OF DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

Enclosed for filing please find a Declaration, Power of Attorney and
Petition signed by the Applicants in the above-referenced application.

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